



**REQUEST  
FOR  
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
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Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.

<i>RCE #17 Dmt 2-20-03</i>	<b>Application Number</b>	09/552,705
	<b>Filing Date</b>	April 19, 2000
	<b>First Named Inventor</b>	Shiuan CHEN et al.
	<b>Group Art Unit</b>	1652
	<b>Examiner Name</b>	C..Fronda
	<b>Attorney Docket Number</b>	2124-311

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (April 2000), which established RCE practice.

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1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a.  Previously submitted
  - i.  Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on December 2, 2002
  - ii.  Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on

- iii.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

b. Enclosed

- i.  Amendment/Reply
- ii.  Affidavit(s)/Declarations
- iii.  Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

2. Miscellaneous

- a.  Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.170(i) required.)

- b.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

3. Fees The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a.  The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 02-2135.
  - i.  RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) (\$375.00/Small Entity)
  - ii.  Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17) (\$465 (3<sup>rd</sup> Month/Small Entity) minus \$55.00 (1<sup>st</sup> Month/Small Entity) paid on 12/02/2002).
  - iii.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

- b.  Check in the amount of \$ 785.00 enclosed.

- c.  Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed.)

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**SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY OR AGENT REQUIRED**

NAME AND REG. NUMBER	Martha Cassidy, Reg. No. 44,066		
SIGNATURE		DATE	January 30, 2003